

## Chapter 33 (Post 9/11) GI Bill

In July of 2008 President George W. Bush signed the Chapter 33(Post 9/11) GI Bill into law. Below is some of the information regarding this new GI Bill which took effect on August 1, 2009. Please note that the rates for each Soldier will vary because eligibility is based on Title 10, Active Duty Time that the individual Soldier has served. Each Soldier will have to do their own research to determine if this GI Bill will be more beneficial for them to use then other GI Bill benefits that they might be entitled to receive. Unlike the Chapter 30 GI Bill, Soldiers do NOT invest money into Chapter 33. Soldiers have **15 years of eligibility from when they are discharged from Title 10 orders to use their Chapter 33 benefits.**

### Who qualifies:

- 1) Soldiers who have served at least 90 days of aggregate(combined), Title 10(Federal Orders) on or after 9/11
- 2) Soldiers who received a Disability Discharge MUST have served at least 30 continuous Days on Title 10 orders
- 3) Soldiers MUST have an Honorable Discharge from Active Duty

### What does NOT qualify:

- 1) Title 32 Service
- 2) ADSW
- 3) Soldiers who receive a Dishonorable or Other Than Honorable Discharge from Active Duty
- 4) Title 10 Time on or before September 10, 2001
- 5) Soldiers who have already exhausted all 48 months of GI Bill Eligibility
- 6) Annual Training(AT)

### Benefits Offered:

- 1) Cost of Tuition and Fees, not to exceed to most expensive in-state undergraduate tuition at a public institute of higher learning in the state you are attending school. Note that this is **paid directly from the VA to the school.**
- 2) Monthly housing allowance to qualifying Soldiers equal to BAH of an E-5 with dependents regardless of the Soldiers rank. This is based on the school's zip code. Based on what percentage of benefits that the Soldier is eligible to receive.
- 3) Yearly books and supply stipend of up to \$1,000 per year(\$41.67/credit hour) based on what percentage of Chapter 33 benefits that the Soldier is eligible to receive.
- 4) Soldiers who have a GI Bill Kicker may use it in conjunction with their Chapter 33 benefits.

### Transfer of Benefits:

Unlike previous GI Bills, Soldiers who qualify for the Chapter 33 GI Bill will be able to transfer their benefits to their spouse or dependents. Service Members will be able to transfer up to 36 months depending on what portion of GI Bill benefits the Soldier has already exhausted. Soldiers who transfer their benefits may modify the election at any time.

### Guidelines that Soldiers MUST meet in order to transfer benefits:

- Soldiers must qualify for the Chapter 33 GI Bill
- To transfer to their spouse, Soldiers must have already served 6 yrs in the Armed Forces and have a contract for at least 4 more additional yrs
- To transfer to their dependents, Soldiers must have already served 10 yrs in the Armed Forces and have a contract for at least 4 more additional yrs; note that the Soldier can elect to transfer their benefits before the 10 yr window, however, their dependents can NOT use their benefits until the Soldier meets this requirement.

### Disqualifying Factors:

- Soldiers who are flagged at the time that they wish to transfer their benefits
- Veterans who are no longer in the Armed Forces
- Soldiers who are IRR or ING

### Soldiers approaching retirement:

DOD has taken into consideration that there are a lot of Soldiers who qualify for the Chapter 33 GI Bill and are approaching retirement. There are specific guidelines in place for these Soldiers who wish to transfer their benefits to their spouse or dependents. Below are the qualifying factors for these specific individuals.

- For Soldiers with 20 yrs or more, no additional service commitment is required.
- For Soldiers **approved** for retirement on or after August 2, 2009 and on or before June 30, 2010, no additional service commitment is required.
- For Soldiers **eligible** to retire or with 20 yrs of service on or after August 2, 2009 and before August 2, 2010, 1 more yr of service is required.
- For Soldiers **eligible** to retire or with 20 yrs of service on or after August 2, 2010 and before August 2, 2011, 2 more yrs of service is required.
- For Soldiers **eligible** to retire or with 20 yr of service on or after August 2, 2011 and before August 2, 2012, 3 more yrs of service is required.

### Procedures to Transfer Benefits (MUST be done in sequence):

- Soldier confirms current ETS date meets required service obligation-extends contract if necessary- allows processing time for extension
- Soldier confirms desired family member is enrolled in DEERS-**this is solely the Soldier's responsibility**
- Soldier logs on to DOD TEB Website (<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB>) completes request for transfer
- Soldier completes the Chapter 33 Educational Benefits Transferability Commitment and Statement of Understanding (SOU) form at <https://minuteman.ngb.army.mil/benefits> and uploads the SOU
- Soldiers request is approved by ARNG GI Bill Support Team and notification is sent to the Soldiers AKO email address
- Family member completes (VA Form 22-1990e) (only when they desire to use the benefit) and sends it to the VA at school they are attending. **BE SURE TO SUBMIT THE SOLDIER'S DD 214s WITH QUALIFYING TITLE 10 SERVICE ALONG WITH THEIR VA FORM 22-1990e.**
- The VA processes the family members application and provides a Certificate of Eligibility to the family member
- Family member brings Certificate to VA Certifying Official at the school they are or will attend to begin payment of the benefit

### What benefits transfer over:

- Cost of Tuition and Fees
- Monthly housing allowance. Note that if the Soldier is on Title 10 orders when their spouse is receiving Chapter 33, then the Spouse will NOT receive this benefit.
- Monthly book and supply stipend. Note that if the Soldier is on Title 10 orders when their spouse is receiving Chapter 33, then the Spouse will NOT receive this benefit.

### Dependents:

Unlike the Soldiers spouse, their dependents do NOT have only 15 yrs to use their transferred benefits. However, dependents are required to meet other criteria listed below:

- May start to use the benefit after the Soldier making the transfer has completed at least 10 yrs of service.
- May NOT use the benefit until they have met the requirements of a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate), or reached 18 yrs of age.
- May NOT use the benefit after reaching their 26<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### The Yellow Ribbon Program:

The Yellow Ribbon Program is a provision of the Chapter 33 GI Bill that allows institutions to enter into an agreement with the VA to fund tuition costs above the highest in-state undergraduate tuition rate. This is not in any other GI Bill. The VA will match each additional dollar that an institution of higher learning contributes toward an eligible student's tuition costs, up to 50% of the difference between the tuition and fees covered by the Chapter 33 GI Bill and the total cost of tuition and fees. **ONLY SOLDIERS ENTITLED TO THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT RATE MAY RECEIVE THIS FUNDING. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS PROGRAM IS ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS.**

**Factors to consider:**

The Chapter 33 GI Bill may not be the most beneficial to every Soldier. Each Veteran will have to determine which GI Bill will be most beneficial to them under their circumstances. Below are some items that Service Members need to consider when determining which of their GI Bill benefits to utilize.

- Are they receiving Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)?
- Are they receiving State Tuition Assistance (NC TAP)?
- What school they are interested in attending?
- Other GI Bill benefits they are eligible to receive(Ch 30, 1606, 1607, etc).
- Are they going to use their GI Bill Kicker?
- Are their classes online?
- What if any, GI Bill benefits they have already exhausted.
- Soldiers WILL have to choose between Chapter 1607 and Chapter 33.
- Are they looking at transferring their benefits to their spouse or dependents?
- When does each of their GI Bill benefits expire?
- Housing allowance is NOT paid to Soldiers on Title 10 orders or Soldiers solely pursuing their degrees online.
- Soldiers MUST be enrolled in school half-time or more to receive the Housing Allowance.
- Tuition and fees are paid only to degree producing institutions of higher learning.
- The yearly book and supply stipend rate is based on the hours that the student is pursuing and the percentage of Chapter 33 benefits the student is entitled to receive.

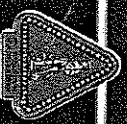
Please note that as with all other GI Bill benefits the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is the deciding factor when determining eligibility. To determine how much of their GI Bill benefits they have already used, Soldiers can call the VA Education Hotline at 1-888-GI-BILL-1. For any other questions regarding Chapter 33 or any other GI Bill benefits, Soldiers can visit the VA's website at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or they can contact the Education Office at (919) 664-6272 or e-mail at [nceso@ng.army.mil](mailto:nceso@ng.army.mil).

# Payment Tiers

Service Requirements on/after 9/11/01 an individual must serve an aggregate of	Payment Tiers Percentage
At least 36 cumulative months	100%
At least 30 continuous days on active duty and discharged due to service-connected disability	100%
At least 30 cumulative months	90%
At least 24 cumulative months	80%
*At least 18 cumulative months	70%
*At least 12 cumulative months	60%
*At least 6 cumulative months	50%
*At least 90 aggregate days	40%

**Payment Tier applies to Tuition & Fees; Books & Supplies  
Stipend and to the Housing Stipend**

**\* Excludes entry level and skill training (IADT)**



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